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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION | MARCH 1990 | AUSTIN, TX 78778

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The Texas Employment Commission joins the Census Bureau in urging all employers and individuals to fill out and return your 1990 Census forms when they are received. Data from the Census provide the source of many detailed forms of statistics which would otherwise be impossible to collect. Among these are various numbers which are used by TEC as inputs in the calculation of your area employment and unemployment estimates each month. Without these inputs, our monthly labor force estimates for Metropolitan Statistical Areas, counties and cities would be less accurate or unavailable.

Please urge your employees and co-workers to fill out and return this important document. All information provided on the Census forms is kept strictly confidential and only total estimates for various areas and sectors of the population are ever released.

Unemployment Rises Seasonally

Over 100,000 additional Texans were estimated to be seeking work in February, compared to the January level. Total unemployment in mid-February was 587,500 in the actual series, with the rate at 7.0 percent—up considerably from the 5.8 percent recorded in January. While at first glance, this increase seems unusually large, much of it represents a normal seasonal rise in unemployment, as workers hired for Christmas were laid off following inventory-taking. The current rate was still below the year-ago rate of 7.4 percent. Total employment declined between January and February by over 50,000, but the current estimate was over 125,000 above the February 1989 level.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also rose over the month, from 5.2 percent in January to 6.4 percent in February. The National seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged over the month, at 5.3 percent, while the actual U. S. rate was 5.8 percent in February, down minimally from 5.9 percent in January.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb.'90	Jan.'90	Feb.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,442.0	123,293.0	121,906.0
Unemployment	7,134.0	7,256.0	6,883.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**5.9%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment	116,308.0	116,037.0	115,023.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,629.0	124,398.0	123,117.0
Unemployment	6,594.0	6,535.0	6,360.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	118,035.0	117,863.0	116,757.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,375.4	8,320.6	8,272.7
Unemployment	587.5	480.6	611.1
Percent Unemployed	**7.0%**	**5.8%**	**7.4%**
Total Employment	7,787.9	7,840.0	7,661.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,494.0	8,440.0	8,391.0
Unemployment	545.0	441.0	569.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**5.2%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment	7,949.0	7,999.0	7,822.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	51,800	52,500	94,400	94,300	96,100	429,500	428,400	426,100
Total Unemployment	3,400	2,800	3,700	5,800	4,300	6,100	21,400	18,100	24,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	5.4%	7.0%	6.1%	4.6%	6.3%	5.0%	4.2%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	48,600	49,000	48,800	88,600	90,000	90,000	408,100	410,300	402,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,300	160,900	161,900	85,000	84,700	83,100	105,700	104,200	101,300
Total Unemployment	13,800	11,200	16,300	5,600	4,800	6,100	13,300	11,000	12,800
Percent Unemployed	8.6%	7.0%	10.1%	6.6%	5.7%	7.3%	12.6%	10.6%	12.6%
Total Employment ++	147,500	149,700	145,600	79,400	79,900	77,000	92,400	93,200	88,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	58,500	60,600	157,700	156,400	156,400	1,436.4	1,431.3	1,421.5
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,000	2,900	12,200	10,000	14,000	79.6	64.6	81.1
Percent Unemployed	4.2%	3.4%	4.8%	7.7%	6.4%	9.0%	5.5%	4.5%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	58,600	56,500	57,700	145,500	146,400	142,400	1,356.8	1,366.7	1,340.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	256,200	249,700	243,600	725,800	716,100	706,000	107,700	106,600	106,800
Total Unemployment	31,200	24,100	26,400	44,900	33,400	41,800	8,600	6,700	8,400
Percent Unemployed	12.2%	9.7%	10.8%	6.2%	4.7%	5.9%	8.0%	6.3%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	225,000	225,600	217,200	680,900	682,700	664,200	99,100	99,900	98,400
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,671.8	1,666.9	1,631.8	98,000	97,000	94,700	53,200	53,700	52,000
Total Unemployment	95.7	79.0	102.2	7,600	6,100	8,000	6,400	6,300	7,800
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	4.7%	6.3%	7.8%	6.3%	8.4%	12.0%	11.7%	15.0%
Total Employment ++	1,576.1	1,587.9	1,529.6	90,400	90,900	86,700	46,800	47,400	44,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	79,100	79,000	113,100	113,100	112,300	171,900	165,700	163,200
Total Unemployment	6,100	5,200	7,500	5,600	4,900	6,200	40,700	33,600	32,000
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	6.6%	9.5%	5.0%	4.3%	5.5%	23.7%	20.3%	19.6%
Total Employment ++	73,400	73,900	71,500	107,500	108,200	106,100	131,200	132,100	131,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,500	49,300	51,200	50,900	52,100	44,100	43,700	45,300
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,600	3,200	3,900	3,200	4,600	2,700	2,300	2,700
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.4%	6.5%	7.6%	6.3%	8.8%	6.1%	5.3%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,900	46,100	47,300	47,700	47,500	41,400	41,400	42,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	607,300	602,200	607,000	47,000	46,800	46,700	58,300	58,200	57,400
Total Unemployment	45,500	36,300	46,900	2,900	2,300	3,200	3,800	3,300	4,800
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	6.0%	7.7%	6.2%	4.9%	6.9%	6.5%	5.7%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	561,800	565,900	560,100	44,100	44,500	43,500	54,500	54,900	52,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,900	74,000	75,000	35,800	35,800	35,300	93,200	92,300	91,300
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,000	5,600	2,200	2,000	2,300	5,600	4,700	5,500
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	5.4%	7.5%	6.1%	5.6%	6.5%	6.0%	5.1%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	69,800	70,000	69,400	33,600	33,800	33,000	87,600	87,600	85,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,300	55,800				8,375.4	8,320.6	8,272.7
Total Unemployment	3,500	2,900	3,800				587.5	480.6	611.1
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.2%	6.8%				7.0%	5.8%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	52,800	53,400	52,000				7,787.9	7,840.0	7,661.6

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

There were an additional 23,000 jobs added to the Statewide **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** between January and February 1990, bringing the total to 6,875,500 in mid-February. The current Nonfarm Salaried Jobs estimate was over 150,000 above the February 1989 level. Only two major industry categories recorded significant gains over the month; and most of the gains in these sectors were seasonal in nature. Government and Services each had monthly gains of over 10,000. Most other sectors had moderate growth, with the primary exception of Trade, which continued its usual slump in February.

Hiring for the spring semester at state and local schools and universities boosted employment in **Government** by over 18,000, with over three-fourths of the increase concentrated in the local educational sector. Federal Government lost 500 jobs over the month, as some workers hired for the busy Holiday season were released from jobs.

While the opening of private schools and colleges helped augment payrolls in Educational Services, that increase was only one of several sizeable gains which pushed employment up by close to 12,000 in **Services**. Other segments which rose over the month included Engineering and Management Services, as well as Personal Services (where the beginning of tax preparation season boosted employment), and Health Services. Other Service sectors recorded more modest growth, but none of the industries in this group declined over the month.

Construction employment bounced back from its January loss, as 1,400 jobs were added in February. Despite the over-the-month volatility, however, the number of jobs in Construction remained over 7,000 above its year-ago level, showing a modest long-term improvement in this industry.

A moderate increase among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers provided the bulk of the gain within **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by only 600 in February. **Mining** had a minimal increase of 100 jobs over the month, but the current level was 1,500 above its year-ago level.

The only notable declines in February occurred in **Trade**, where continued layoffs of workers hired for the Holiday season pushed employment down by an additional 11,200. The largest of these downturns were centered in General Merchandise Stores, Apparel and Accessory Stores, and in Other Retail Trade (which includes specialty stores). All of these sectors normally add jobs to assist in the Christmas rush and in inventory-taking afterward. The only notable increase in Trade occurred in Eating and Drinking Places, which rose moderately, due in part to students returning to work.

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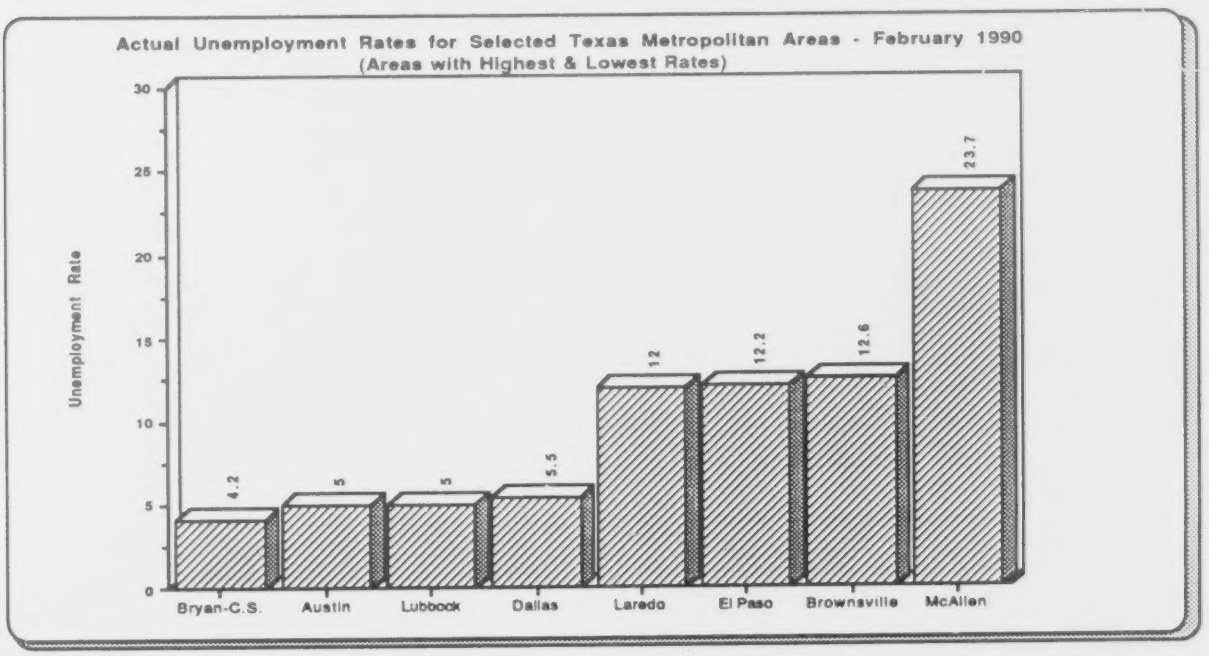

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Feb.'90*	Jan.'90**	Feb.'89**	Chg. from Jan.'90	Chg. from Feb.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,875,500	6,852,400	6,721,700	23,100	153,800
MANUFACTURING	965,100	961,900	965,100	3,200	0
Durable Goods	553,200	549,900	556,200	3,300	-3,000
Lumber & Wood Products	30,300	30,000	31,000	300	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,700	7,100	100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,600	16,000	200	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	36,500	36,200	36,800	300	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,600	15,600	16,300	0	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,500	29,200	0	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,800	77,700	77,100	100	700
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,500	37,300	36,900	200	600
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	105,700	105,600	107,800	100	-2,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,100	22,900	24,100	200	-1,000
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	105,200	105,800	106,500	-600	-1,300
Transportation Equipment	100,100	97,700	99,500	2,400	600
Aircraft & Parts	72,500	72,500	71,500	0	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	37,000	36,800	36,900	200	100
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,300	15,000	15,400	300	-100
Nondurable Goods	411,900	412,000	408,900	-100	3,000
Food & Kindred Products	96,300	96,200	95,700	100	600
Meat Products	29,300	29,100	28,600	200	700
Dairy Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,200	56,500	56,500	-300	-300
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,600	24,400	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	72,600	72,600	73,000	0	-400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,600	34,600	35,100	0	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	81,500	81,300	79,100	200	2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,700	28,600	28,400	100	300
Petroleum Refining	25,500	25,400	25,200	100	300
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,600	40,700	40,000	-100	600
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,800	0	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,910,400	5,890,500	5,756,600	19,900	153,800
Mining	174,700	174,600	173,200	100	1,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	164,900	164,800	163,500	100	1,400
Construction	314,100	312,700	306,900	1,400	7,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	406,100	407,200	394,100	-1,100	12,000
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	19,800	0	-700
Other Transportation	224,500	225,900	214,900	-1,400	9,600
Transportation by Air	70,500	69,700	65,600	800	4,900
Communications	85,800	85,300	83,000	500	2,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,700	76,900	76,400	-200	300
Electric Services	40,300	40,600	41,000	-300	-700
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,500	27,400	0	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,680,300	1,691,500	1,651,500	-11,200	28,800
Wholesale Trade	426,200	426,200	420,300	0	5,900
Retail Trade	1,254,100	1,265,300	1,231,200	-11,200	22,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,600	41,400	39,600	200	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	170,700	177,300	170,100	-6,600	600
Food Stores	222,600	223,200	222,900	-600	-300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,600	135,400	135,800	200	-200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,000	88,300	82,200	-4,300	1,800
Eating & Drinking Places	416,700	414,300	399,500	2,400	17,200
Other Retail Trade	182,900	185,400	181,100	-2,500	1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	432,700	432,100	431,500	600	1,200
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,600	133,600	135,500	0	-1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,600	141,100	138,200	500	3,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,500	157,400	157,800	100	-300
Services	1,640,400	1,628,600	1,573,100	11,800	67,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,500	82,400	200	1,300
Personal Services	79,400	78,100	77,500	1,300	1,900
Business & Repair Services	412,700	411,900	394,000	800	18,700
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	73,700	73,300	69,100	400	4,600
Health Services	455,000	453,700	438,100	1,300	16,900
Educational Services	84,300	81,300	84,800	3,000	-500
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	148,400	146,700	137,300	1,700	11,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	303,200	300,100	289,900	3,100	13,300
Total Government	1,262,100	1,243,800	1,226,300	18,300	35,800
Federal Government	204,500	205,000	201,900	-500	2,600
State Government	258,200	253,400	248,800	4,800	9,400
Local Government	799,400	785,400	775,600	14,000	23,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	48,800	48,700	48,600	75,400	76,000	75,700	368,000	366,400	359,700	136,200	136,800	133,200
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,800	9,000	9,000	8,800	45,500	45,500	42,700	24,400	24,700	24,600
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,200	1,300	600	600	700	1,600	1,600	1,500
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,200	3,300	3,100	10,600	10,700	11,600	10,100	10,100	9,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,600	5,600	5,500	11,300	11,100	11,000	9,400	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,200	21,100	21,700	21,900	77,900	78,500	77,200	32,100	32,500	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,200	23,800	23,600	23,500	5,300	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,100	13,600	17,000	16,900	16,700	91,500	91,300	87,400	32,100	32,000	30,700
Government	8,900	8,900	9,000	14,400	14,300	14,200	106,800	105,100	105,600	21,200	21,100	21,000

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	63,300	63,000	60,800	75,000	75,200	71,800	53,100	50,800	51,900	129,400	128,600	125,700
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,700	10,800	10,700	10,300	3,700	3,700	3,500	11,600	11,400	11,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,500	3,700
Construction	8,500	8,400	7,900	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,400	1,500	1,700	10,400	10,200	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,400	3,000	3,100	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,700	6,700	6,500
Trade	11,700	11,800	11,000	20,500	20,700	19,200	11,500	11,200	11,800	31,900	32,000	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,600	6,400	6,300	6,500
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,900	8,500	17,300	17,500	16,500	9,100	8,900	8,900	30,400	30,300	29,400
Government	11,800	11,500	11,500	17,600	17,300	17,200	23,700	21,800	22,600	28,500	28,200	28,300

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	1,354.7	1,351.2	1,329.8	207,400	205,500	198,400	569,100	564,600	551,400	73,600	73,700	72,400
Manufacturing	221.7	221.5	223.4	40,400	40,700	40,100	120,200	117,500	119,200	9,000	9,100	8,500
Mining	17.1	17.1	17.7	—	—	—	4,000	4,100	3,700	600	600	500
Construction	44.3	44.4	45.8	8,500	8,400	7,500	21,300	20,600	19,500	6,300	6,300	5,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	79.6	79.8	75.1	10,300	10,400	10,700	54,600	53,700	50,500	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trade	352.8	353.0	339.9	52,200	52,100	49,300	142,600	143,700	141,100	13,500	13,600	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	130.5	129.9	128.6	8,600	8,500	8,700	28,000	27,900	27,400	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	347.3	345.8	342.2	42,000	41,500	39,100	124,300	123,000	119,400	13,400	13,400	13,400
Government	161.4	159.7	157.1	45,400	43,900	43,000	74,100	74,100	70,600	21,700	21,700	21,900

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	1,526.6	1,522.8	1,470.2	73,700	73,700	71,000	43,200	43,500	40,900	68,500	68,000	66,100
Manufacturing	162.9	162.7	160.0	8,600	8,700	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,500	16,300	15,800
Mining	67.4	66.5	65.2	—	—	—	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,300
Construction	98.6	97.7	90.8	3,000	3,000	3,300	1,200	1,200	1,100	3,500	3,500	2,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	106.3	106.4	103.9	2,700	2,700	2,600	6,100	6,100	5,400	3,500	3,300	3,200
Trade	365.5	369.0	358.4	16,300	16,500	16,100	13,800	14,100	13,000	16,800	17,000	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.2	101.2	100.3	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	421.3	418.0	396.4	17,400	17,400	16,400	7,100	7,200	6,700	13,500	13,100	12,700
Government	203.4	201.3	195.2	22,500	22,200	21,200	9,700	9,600	9,600	8,700	8,700	8,700

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	95,600	95,400	93,400	98,700	98,800	98,700	44,600	44,500	44,500	42,500	42,500	42,400
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300	12,500	12,300	13,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	300	300	400	900	900	900	8,500	8,600	8,900	5,100	5,100	5,100
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,100	4,100	4,200	4,100	1,300	1,300	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,700	5,700	4,900	3,000	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,300	27,500	27,100	30,800	31,100	31,200	10,900	10,900	10,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,300	4,200	4,300	4,200	2,400	2,400	2,500	1,600	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,400	23,300	23,200	16,600	16,600	16,100	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,400	7,500	7,500
Government	23,200	23,000	22,100	26,600	26,300	26,000	7,300	7,000	6,900	7,900	7,900	7,800

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	36,100	36,400	36,900	512,100	511,200	508,500	37,200	37,200	36,500	47,000	47,100	45,500
Manufacturing	5,100	5,200	5,500	47,700	48,000	47,900	10,900	10,900	10,700	7,100	7,200	7,300
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,100	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	20,800	20,600	21,500	1,800	1,700	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,700	3,000	19,700	19,500	19,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,100
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,000	128,000	128,700	127,900	8,000	8,000	7,800	10,500	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700	41,200	41,200	40,500	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	131,300	131,000	129,400	8,700	8,700	8,400	10,800	10,600	9,800
Government	7,500	7,500	7,200	121,200	120,000	119,700	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,900	12,800	12,500

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
TOTAL	61,800	61,300	60,800	28,100	28,000	27,200	81,600	81,200	79,200	50,700	50,700	49,500
Manufacturing	10,900	10,600	11,000	3,100	3,000	3,300	15,900	15,900	15,000	8,500	8,400	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,100	7,500	7,600	7,400	18,300	18,300	18,200	11,800	11,900	11,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,200	4,900	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,200	15,000	14,400	5,900	5,900	6,000	22,800	22,400	21,800	12,700	12,700	12,400
Government	9,900	9,800	10,200	5,800	5,700	5,000	13,200	13,100	13,100	9,900	9,900	9,800

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS +

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 429.32	$ 433.26	$ 418.18	41.4	41.7	41.2	$ 10.37	$10.39	$10.15
Durable Goods	430.34	430.96	417.77	41.7	41.8	41.2	10.32	10.31	10.14
Lumber & Wood Products	299.52	307.10	297.44	41.2	41.5	41.6	7.27	7.40	7.15
Furniture & Fixtures	288.15	274.01	260.74	40.3	39.2	38.4	7.15	6.99	6.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	404.49	411.87	383.11	41.7	42.2	40.2	9.70	9.76	9.53
Primary Metal Industries	475.45	480.39	436.85	42.3	42.4	40.3	11.24	11.33	10.84
Fabricated Metal Products	395.17	396.44	385.48	42.4	42.4	42.5	9.32	9.35	9.07
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.69	413.24	410.44	41.8	41.2	41.5	10.16	10.03	9.89
Oil Field Machinery	508.81	505.04	461.61	43.6	43.5	41.4	11.67	11.61	11.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	492.82	509.65	475.32	41.8	42.4	40.8	11.79	12.02	11.65
Transportation Equipment	548.47	544.38	549.19	41.9	42.2	41.7	13.09	12.90	13.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	406.70	409.92	400.55	41.5	42.0	40.5	9.80	9.76	9.89
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	284.26	296.83	270.74	37.7	38.7	38.9	7.54	7.67	6.96
Nondurable Goods	429.08	435.34	418.59	41.1	41.5	41.2	10.44	10.49	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	349.38	356.10	333.70	41.2	41.6	40.4	8.48	8.56	8.26
Meat Products	268.46	275.72	246.63	40.8	41.4	38.9	6.58	6.66	6.34
Malt Beverages	824.95	787.27	865.30	44.4	42.1	46.1	18.58	18.70	18.77
Textile Mill Products	328.10	337.03	345.33	42.5	43.6	45.2	7.72	7.73	7.64
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	207.18	207.43	208.74	37.6	38.7	38.8	5.51	5.36	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	489.06	498.08	481.43	42.9	43.5	43.1	11.40	11.45	11.17
Printing & Publishing	406.02	405.38	396.15	40.2	39.9	38.8	10.10	10.16	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	693.83	714.12	678.54	43.5	44.0	43.0	15.95	16.23	15.78
Petroleum & Coal Products	739.05	750.92	709.63	44.9	45.9	44.8	16.46	16.36	15.84
Petroleum Refining	769.14	782.78	740.70	44.9	46.1	45.0	17.13	16.98	16.46
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	369.82	363.81	365.93	41.0	40.2	42.6	9.02	9.05	8.59
Leather & Leather Products	248.82	248.04	239.20	39.0	39.0	41.1	6.38	6.36	5.82
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	567.74	552.53	528.12	42.4	41.7	40.1	13.39	13.25	13.17
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	555.22	545.36	517.65	46.0	46.1	42.5	12.07	11.83	12.18
Oil & Gas Extraction	568.35	552.18	528.68	42.1	41.3	39.9	13.50	13.37	13.25
Communications	516.09	518.00	519.30	40.1	40.0	40.1	12.87	12.95	12.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.06	512.86	491.67	41.2	40.8	40.4	12.55	12.57	12.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.14	235.06	232.64	32.4	32.2	32.0	7.35	7.30	7.27
Wholesale Trade	419.61	408.72	407.42	39.4	39.0	39.1	10.65	10.48	10.42
Retail Trade	182.11	182.11	178.80	30.2	30.1	29.8	6.03	6.05	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	179.89	181.29	168.39	28.6	29.1	28.3	6.29	6.23	5.95
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	287.64	282.33	280.12	37.6	37.1	37.3	7.65	7.61	7.51

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 441.21	$ 450.71	$ 426.21	42.1	42.6	41.1	$ 10.48	$ 10.58	$ 10.37
Durable Goods	472.76	486.60	463.56	42.4	43.1	41.5	11.15	11.29	11.17
Nondurable Goods	388.96	390.31	361.18	41.6	41.7	40.4	9.35	9.36	8.94
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	462.02	455.26	439.42	41.4	41.2	40.8	11.16	11.05	10.77
Durable Goods	482.38	476.32	455.22	41.3	41.6	40.5	11.68	11.45	11.24
Nondurable Goods	414.59	410.46	406.58	41.5	40.4	41.7	9.99	10.16	9.75
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	521.02	522.10	502.67	43.6	43.8	43.0	11.95	11.92	11.69
Durable Goods	446.18	439.64	421.83	43.7	43.4	43.0	10.21	10.13	9.81
Nondurable Goods	614.54	625.43	605.44	43.4	44.2	43.0	14.16	14.15	14.08
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.40	312.91	293.64	41.4	41.5	39.1	7.57	7.54	7.51
Durable Goods	342.78	341.55	323.20	41.2	41.5	38.8	8.32	8.23	8.33
Nondurable Goods	287.04	286.21	264.77	41.6	41.6	39.4	6.90	6.88	6.72

+Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Transportation and Public Utilities lost just over 1,000 jobs in February, as a sizeable decline in Water Transportation was partially offset by more moderate gains in Air Transportation and in Communications.

More jobs were added in **Manufacturing** between January and February 1990 than in any one-month period since June 1989, with 3,200 positions gained in February. All of the increase was concentrated in the **Durable Goods** sector. The most significant growth, however, was in Transportation Equipment, where the recall of over 2,000 workers following a large layoff in January pushed employment back up to former levels.

Most of the other increases in Durable Goods were moderate ones, but these small advances were fairly widespread. The only decline within this sector was the loss of 600 jobs in Electronic and other Electrical Equipment.

The **Nondurable Goods** group remained relatively stable in February, losing only 100 jobs overall. Gains and losses were interspersed, with all of the over-the-month changes minor ones.

Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products recorded the largest decrease, dropping 300 jobs. Paper and Allied Products declined by 100 in February, as did Rubber and Miscellaneus Plastics Products. Small gains were registered in Chemicals and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal Products, and in Food and Kindred Products.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	FEB.'90	FEB.'89
Total Population	17,080,800*	16,926,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,013	311,578
Total Claims Actions	1,093,371	591,918
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,012	61,223
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	1,025,359	530,695
Total Placements	25,944	24,406
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$151.68	$153.79
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$64,485,381	$62,085,835

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Average Weekly Earnings Decline

For the estimated 630,300 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by two cents from January to February 1990. Average Weekly Hours decreased by three tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to decrease by $3.94 over the month. Most of the decrease in the number of hours worked was in the Nondurable Goods sector.

In mid-February a worker, on average, was earning $10.37 per hour for a 41.4-hour week, and making $429.32 in weekly earnings. Compared to the February 1989 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 22 cents, while Average Weekly Hours had risen by $11.14.

The largest losses which occurred in the Durable Goods sector were in Lumber and Wood Products, Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Electric and Electronic Equipment, Transportation Equipment and Instruments and Related Products. Greater losses took place in the Nondurable Goods sector in Textile Mill Products, Apparel and Other Textile Products and in Petroleum and Coal Products.

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